

September 5th

Prophet Zachariah, Father of the Forerunner

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

E Un. E

1) Clothed in the di - vine robe and the priest - ly chris - m, thou

Un. E

didst serve God like an An - gel, O bless - ed one; and

G E

thou clear - ly didst re - ceive signs and rev - e - la - tions

from the Ho - ly Spir - it, while me - di - at - ing as a priest

be - tween Cre - a - tor and crea - ture wor - thi - ly. O

laud - ed Zach - a - ri - ah, as we keep thine all - ho - ly

G E

feast to - day, we both bless thee and glo - ri - fy

Christ the Sav - ior in songs of praise.

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E Un. E

2) Thou didst look up - on the Child that had been born of the

Un. E

Vir - gin Maid, Zach - a - ri - ah in - spired of God: the

G E

Son co - be - gin - ning - less sprung from God the Fa - ther;

and thou didst fore - tell clear - ly to thy child: Thou ver - i - ly

shalt be His Proph - et, and shalt pre - pare His ways. With

him, we call thee bless - ed and with songs we sa - cred - ly

G E

cel - e - brate thy most ven - 'ra - ble fes - ti - val,

O God - bear - er su - preme - ly blest.

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3) As thou wast the Ho - ly Spir - it's tem - ple, liv - ing and

Un. E

soul - en - dowed, Zach - a - ri - ah most glo - ri - ous, while

G E

thou didst com - mune with God through thy heart's great pure - ness,

in the Tem - ple thou wast un - just - ly slain and didst com - plete

thy god - ly course as a Mar - tyr of the Lord. Hence,

thou hast made thy way to the ce - les - tial tem - ple in

G E

thine own blood, ask - ing God that those hon - 'ring thee

find for - give - ness, O won - drous one.